

MORRIS COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MAY 13, 2010

A meeting of the Morris County Airport Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 13, in the Knox Room, at the Administration & Records Building. The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Freeholder Margaret Nordstrom, Freeholder James Murray
Maria Renner, Win Perkins, Paul Boudreau, Megan Moench

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Pinto, Director of Planning and Development
Janet Donaldson, Secretary, Clerk of the Board of
Chosen Freeholders; Peter, Gilchrist, Ed Newton, Nicholas
Kapotes, Frank Druetzler, Eric Bossard, William List, Jack
Olcott, Steve Pannozzo, Bill Leavens

ABSENT: Freeholder Director Gene Feyl, Anthony Barrett, Donald Bowen,
Milverne Cooke, Tom DeFeo, Peter DeRosa, Lou Nisivoccia,
Ken Schleifer, Richard Tighe, Marilyn Vela, Mark Walsh

Freeholder Nordstrom opened the meeting with introductions made by each attendee.

The March 25, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. With a small correction, Paul Boudreau made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2010 and Maria Renner seconded the motion. The committee members unanimously approved.

Megan Moench, from Congressman Frelinghuysen's Office reported back to the committee regarding the Morristown Airport Delay Reduction Initiative Departure Spacing Program. Congressman Frelinghuysen sent a letter to the FAA requesting a response back about when and how the delay equipment would be available and implemented. At this time there has been no response back from the FAA.

Megan Moench also reported to the Board that she had nothing to report back on the DCA Gateway Designation for the Morristown Airport Project. Maria Renner mentioned that Morristown Airport has been approved to be in the gateway project pending authorization from Newark personnel. Morristown has been working with Newark TSA to get the approval to go ahead with this project. At this time the man power to support both Morristown and Teterboro is not available. If Newark gets the approval for more staffing they will support the program. The issue of staffing is an internal and political issue. Morristown is trying to find out on a local level if the gateway flights out of Teterboro have been directed to Morristown if they were participating in the gateway designation project. Morristown is trying to find out if the problem of staffing is the real issue. Steven Pennozzo, from C.R. Bard Inc., is working with a group that had flown out of Teterboro to see if they would have flown out of Morristown if they were participating in the gateway project.

Margaret Nordstrom mentioned to Maria Renner that the airport should start doing some PR with the corporate users. Margaret and Paul Boudreau had been at an event and were talking to the CEO of Wyndham. This particular person had reservations about the gateway designation project.

Paul Boudreau mentioned that Congressman Rothman and Congressman Pascrell are in favor of taking flights out of Teterboro and transferring them to Morristown. Paul felt that a letter to Congressman Rothman coming out of Congressman Frelinghuysen's office may be beneficial.

Maria Renner has not heard back from Scott DiGiralomo regarding an OEM grant for the fire trainer for our MMA's triennial drill. Frank Pinto also has tried to reach out to Scott.

Jack Olcott spoke about the incident that affected Somerset County when a airliner dumped 170,000 pounds of Jet fuel. Congressman Lance is looking into the situation. It apparently was a Newark to Tokyo flight.

Bill Leavens reported to the committee that Commissioner Simpson was at the New Jersey Aviation Conference. They are thinking about changing the funding formula from 95/5 to 80/20. The 80/20 would be used for any expansion and any type of maintenance for safety would stay at 95/5.

Bill Leavens suggested that Morristown Airport and Lincoln Park Airport send a letter encouraging the state's plan to cut trees especially around their surrounding airports.

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The committee agreed that it would be a good idea to invite NJDOT Commissioner Simpson to a meeting to discuss their concerns and provide him with an overview of the board and its roll in the community.

It was determined that the next Airport Advisory Committee meeting will take place Thursday July 15, 2010 at 1:00p.m. in the Knox Room, Administration & Records Building, 5th Floor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Donaldson
Secretary
Clerk of the Board of
Chosen Freeholders